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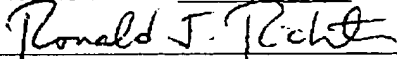
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In response to the Office Action dated 10/04/2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. No additional fees are believed to be due.

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